REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending after this office action.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I claims 1-18 and hereby withdraw claims 19-33 of Group II.

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the numbers provided below.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on October 31, 2005.

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